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SUBJECT: HOUSE OF COMMONS RECESS.

1. LAST EVENING, JANUARY 11, COMMONS VOTED TO RECESS UNTIL FEBRUARY 26. FORMAL PROROGATION WILL TAKE PLACE THAT DAY AND THRONE SPEECH, OUTLINING GOVERNMENT PROGRAM FOR SECOND SESSION, SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 27. SENATE WILL REMAIN IN SESSION TO CONSIDER CONTROVERSIAL WIRETAPPING LEGISLATION AND TO COMPLETE ACTION ON OTHER BILLS PASSED BY COMMONS.

2. PRIOR TO RECESS, COMMONS PASSED ENERGY ALLOCATION BILL, GIVING GOVERNMENT POWER TO ALLOCATE PETROLEUM IN NATIONAL EMERGENCY. DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY REQUIRES PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL, FOR WHICH HOUSE WOULD BE RECONVENED.

3. FIRST SESSION OF 29TH PARLIAMENT, WHICH OPENED JANUARY 4, 1973, HAS BEEN SURPRISINGLY PRODUCTIVE, GIVEN FACT THAT MINORITY LIBERAL GOVERNMENT HAS HAD TO RELY ON NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND OCCASIONALLY CONSERVATIVE SUPPORT FOR ALL LEGISLATION. TRUDEAU AND CABINET HAVE SHOWN POLITICAL ADROITNESS AND READINESS TO SEEK COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS IN MARKED CONTRAST TO WHAT OPPOSITION CALLED PARLIAMENTARY "ARROGANCE" DURING 1968-72, WHEN LIBERALS COMMANDED SOLID MAJORITY. NEXT SESSION PROMISES TO BE MORE DIFFICULT, HOWEVER,

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AND DESPITE TRUDEAU'S EXPRESSED INTENTION CONTINUE PRESENT

PARLIAMENT TO 1976, MOST OBSERVERS EXPECT ELECTIONS IN SPRING  
OR FALL OF THIS YEAR. MORE COMPLETE EMBASSY ANALYSIS WILL  
FOLLOW.  
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